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SUBJECT: MALI-UPPER VOLTA BORDER DISPUTE

1. DURING CONVERSATION IN DEPARTMENT (AF) FEB 11, VOLTAN AMBASSADOR YAGUIBOU SAID HIGHLY SECRET INTERCHANGES ARE UNDERWAY BETWEEN VOLTANS AND MALIANS AND THAT THEY PROMISE USEFUL RESULTS. ACCORDING YAGUIBOU, DAOUDA DIALLO AND CHRISTOPHE KALANZAGA ARE TWO OF VOLTANS BEING USED AS EMISSARIES IN THIS INTERCHANGE. (FORMER IS YAGUIBOU'S UNCLE, FORMER VOLTAN MIN INTERIOR AND AMBASSADOR TO MALI. LATTER IS FORMER VOLTAN AMBASSADOR TO GERMANY AND PRESENTLY ASSIGNED MFA WITHOUT SPECIFIC PORTFOLIO.) DIALLO NOW LIVES IN BOBO AND ALLEGEDLY EXCHANGED MESSAGES WITH MALIAN EMISSARIES IN SIKASSO. KALANZAGA ALLEGEDLY IS BEING SIMILARLY UTILIZED IN EXCHANGES BETWEEN OUAGA AND BAMAKO.

2. ONE OF SUBJECTS OF THESE SECRET CONVERSATIONS, ACCORDING YAGUIBOU, IS PRESIDENT LAMIZANA'S WILLINGNESS PERMIT CONFIDENTIAL

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MALIANS TO RETAIN ACCESS TO SMALL PORTION OF AREA IN DIS-

PUTE THAT BORDERS ON BELLI RIVER. YAGUIBOU IMPLIED THIS
WOULD BE ONE AREA, ADMITTEDLY LIMITED, IN WHICH VOLTANS
WOULD IN FACT PERMIT BOUNDARY LINE TO BE REDRAWN IN MALI'S
FAVOR, IN ORDER GIVE MALIANS ACCESS THEY NEED TO RIVER'S
NORTH BANK FOR WATERING CATTLE.

3. CAN YOU SHED ANY LIGHT ON FOREGOING ASSERTIONS WITH-
OUT MAKING APPROACHES TO HOST GOVERNMENTS? INGERSOLL

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